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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement (with the exception of the family documents noted below) was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement, or was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The European Search Report, cited on the accompanying form 1449A/PTO, corresponds to a related European patent application and was issued on July 6, 2009. Applicant wishes to note that references directed to US 5,472,525 A, JP 2002 285276 A, and JP 2001 297907 A, listed on the European Search Report, were already submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2005. Additionally, US 6,468,365 (corresponding to EP 0 994 493 A listed on the European Search Report) was also submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2005.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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